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Memorandum

To: Supervisor's Office, (Attn: Jeff Walter), Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive Price, Utah 84501

From: Field Supervisor, Utah Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Salt Lake City, Utah

Subject: Portal Breakouts in Maple Gulch for PacifiCorp's Beehive and Deseret Mines

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the evaluation of nesting raptors within the proposed area of reclamation of the portal breakouts in Maple Gulch for PacifiCorp's Beehive and Deseret Mines. A raptor survey was conducted on May 22, 2000 and two nests were located within the ½ mile radial buffer zone. One nest was inactive and the other was found to be active but situated out of line-of-sight from the proposed activity.

Communication in regard to the potential impacts upon the raptors and nests identified in this project have occurred between Scott Gamo, of this office, and Chris Colt of the Utah Division of Wildlife. Based upon the information discussed and the results of monitoring, the Service concurs that there will be no negative impact to the productivity of the raptor nests as a consequence of the implementation of the proposed reclamation activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Scott Gamo, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, of this office at (801) 524-5001, ext 134.

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